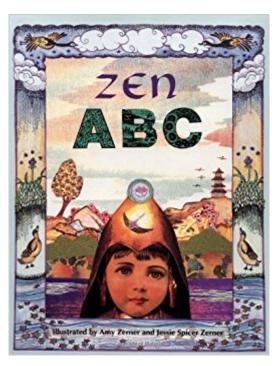


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Synopsis

The simple beauty of Zen haiku poetry illuminated by 26 masterful collages and letters that reveal their profound meaning to all ages.

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Mother-daughter team Amy Zerner and Jessie Spicer Zerner have compiled a collection of classical and contemporary haiku and poetry to accompany their lavishly illustrated, illuminated alphabet in ZEN ABC. Meant to be a children's book, ZEN ABC - though perfect for little ones - is beautiful and contains enough classical, traditional, and contemporary material to appeal to all ages. A lot of aunts and uncles who give this book to treasured youngsters will probably be seen going back into the children's section for a personal copy to keep. And who can blame them? The jewel- toned illustrations are imaginative and down-right gorgeous. The correlations of letters and what they stand for has an appealing quality too... "...N is for Nirvana...O is for One Mind...Z is for Zen..." This is the perfect way to introduce children to the alphabet and Zen concepts as well. ZEN ABC is a book to be read, re-read, treasured, displayed, and celebrated. Suggest that your customers buy two copies and save themself a return trip to the store. -- New Age Retailer, September 1993

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